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APPLICANTS: Ellington et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/883,119 EXAMINER: Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D.  
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FOR: REGULATABLE, CATALYTICALLY ACTIVE NUCLEIC ACIDS

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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the September 23, 2003 Office Action (Paper No. 22) the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before January 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301C.

Respectfully submitted,

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